

## RANK BRIBERY

**The Facts in the Case of an Attempt of Certain  
Officers and Directors of the Western  
Union to Bribe Mutual Union  
Employees.**

Mr. William H. Eckert, New York City, Inc., 24, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999,

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FIRST—AS TO MR. WINMAN'S PERSONAL UTILITY, we have the affidavit of Mr. Benjamin M. Plumb, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, and of Mr. Fearing, in which he states that he had known Mr. Winman called upon him at his office and asked him to give him a pass to the office of the Mutual Life Insurance Telegraph Company. The affidavit of Mr. Fearing goes on to state that he knew a confidential informant if it was suggested to do so, Mr. Winman would go to the office of the Mutual Life Insurance Telegraph Company and would procure the original contract and make an affidavit to deliver a copy of it.

SECOND—AS TO THE PROCEEDINGS TO OBTAIN THE CONTRACT, Mr. Fearing proceeds to detail at length the numerous conferences with Winman, discussing the terms of the contract, and the fact that Mr. Fearing was used as the clerk to see bribed.

THIRD—AS TO THE INTERVIEW OF MR. WINMAN, Mr. Fearing proceeds to state that he had interviewed Mr. Winman on the subject of the contract, and that he had seen Mr. Winman's personal card, on the back of which was written:

DEAR PLUMB: This is my photograph. I have not yet given it to you. Do what you can with it. B. M. F.

MR. PLUMB IN HIS EXPLANATION THAT HE HAD GIVEN MR. FEARING WORDS ON THAT SUBJECT, AND THAT HE HAD GIVEN HIM THE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT, AND THAT HE HAD GIVEN HIM THE PHOTOGRAPH WAS NOT TO COPY IT, BUT TO DESTROY IT.

AT ANOTHER OF THESE INTERVIEWS MR. WINMAN GAVE MR. FEARING A PHOTOGRAPH OF HIMSELF, AND A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT.

HY. G. FEARING: Mr. Plumb says it may be best for you to change your location and may want to be employed. As I understand you are a good pho-

employment you may count on me for employment at least \$1.00 per an.

DUNN, WIMAN & CO.,  
ELIANTUS WIMAN

At another of these interviews, Mr. Plumb, in testifying to the fact that the contract was made, said:

"That the clerk had possession of the keys of the safe in said Moore & Co.'s office on Saturdays, and that the said Moore & Co. had a copy of the key of the safe; that the clerk would have to go to the safe and said iron safe in order to make the copy given Mr. Wiman requested in this, and said it was of no great consequence to the said Moore & Co. to give more money than the amount before stated, necessary, to get the document.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The following is the substance of a letter written by Mr. William J. Winman, of New York, to the New York Herald, dated Oct. 15, 1898:

DEAR MR. WYMAN: I have been feeling anxious about him your letter offering him employment. He has not yet given me any answer, but I am sure he will accept of it, but insists that as he is still in the running gear of the fight, and now wants to be able to do his part for the cause, he will not accept of the offer until he has been able to do the newspaper talk about the matter, and he has not yet been able to do so. I have been thinking of writing you about this with the contract when I get it. I have been thinking of writing you about this with the contract when I get it. I have been thinking of writing you about this with the contract when I get it.

This was delivered to Mr. Winman at the Grand Central depot, where he had gone to take the train for New York. He was accompanied by a man, who was the fellow reply, and handed it to the messenger for delivery to Mr. Winman.

FRANK P.: Give him the \$2,000, if he can do it. I have been thinking of writing you about this with the contract when I get it. I have been thinking of writing you about this with the contract when I get it. I have been thinking of writing you about this with the contract when I get it.

The messenger who carried the note to Mr. Winman deposes that he had first read it, and knew that it was a letter from the New York Herald, and he read it and wrote the reply in his presence, and handed it to him to deliver to Mr. Winman.

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Sir, Bates regarded the stolen paper, Mr. Win said:

"Oh, they regard it as a big bonanza. You are not told such a story as we have done in this matter. It is a perfectly marvelous work, performed in so short a time. But we must not vary our story. We must stick to the facts. Along there we wish Mr. Plim, you would arrange so I could see him. I don't want it on your heading of paper, and I will write carefully."

Mr. Winan then describes the letter 42 was to substitute for one given, and adds:

"I think the letter very hurriedly and am afraid not so guarded enough in its statements. There was no running deep risks where they can be avoided. The statement is so simple that it should be approved by other parties, it would hurt us."

Mr. Eckert's and Mr. Bates' complicity in the affair.

Mr. Wisman's explanation with regard to the gentlemen having to informally anathematize cannot be expected to conform to the facts, an action it does not. Referring to the letter written at the depot, he says:

I sent him [Wisman] written instructions to deliver the letter to General Eckert, and asked him to look to pay for it and hold it until my return.

By referring to the note, a heretofore further it can be seen that it is based on such a construction. Mr. Wisman had already furnished it

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